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The editor of the Times and Gazette has become afraid of our correspondent "Justice to the Injured" and throws off on him with a disposition manifested for us to take it up. He wants us to point to a single action of his life that was bad. The difficulty would be to point out one that was good. Did we not dislike to refer back beyond the occasion of this controversy, we might ask him many questions which would cause doubt in his own mind as to the entire correctness of his past life? But in all conscience, would he ask us to point out a worse thing than the villainous slanders against Messrs. Campbell, Mitchell and Knott, and the North Western Bank, published in his paper previous to the election, and re-stated since the close of the canvass. As the Banks, and the North Western Bank particularly, has very unaccountably to us, been lagged into this discussion, probably the gentlemen who stand behind the editorial chair of the would-be orator, would like to see published a true history of Banking in Wheeling for the last dozen years, but more particularly of the last dozen months. If they do, let them say so.

As the editor of the organ as devoid of shame as he is of truth and political honesty; and as he persists in refusing to contradict the slanderous charges against some of our best citizens, and endeavor to shun the responsibility of these charges from his own shoulders by a contemptible attempt to fasten them to the back of his employer; nothing now remains for the injured parties to do, but demand of the proprietor of that paper the name of the author of the articles signed Fair Play, and then deal with him as occasion may require. Times have assumed a peculiar phase, indeed, when citizens are to be outrageously vilified through the columns of a public journal, and resists withheld, first, by the use of an assumed name, and secondly, by the want of responsibility in the channel through which such slanders are made public.

Execution of Parks.—The Cleveland Herald of Friday afternoon gives the details of the execution of Parks for the murder of Weston. He has been confined for over two years, and has been a model prisoner, and was excepted to be executed to destroy his own life by cutting his throat.—He bled severely, and was much weakened, but it was not quite thorough enough to extinguish life.

The gallows upon which he was executed was erected within the hall of the jail, and there were but a few persons in attendance. A large crowd surrounded the premises. A military company, the Greys, were on guard. No disturbances were reported. When Parks was brought from his cell, and placed upon the platform, he talked to the persons in attendance upon various matters for nearly an hour. He was calm and almost indifferent to his fate. He expressed much regard for his wife and child, and, on their account regretted his ignominious end. To save them the disgrace of having a husband and father hung, he had attempted to kill himself, and thought he had a perfect right so to do. To the last he denied that he killed Weston. We quote the closing scene from the Herald.

A TRIBUNE HAS BEEN passed over Pickens, S. C., on the afternoon of Friday, the 15th of May, extending over a space of about two miles in breadth, and completely destroying the growing crops. On the third day after its fall, the hill is said to have been from one to two feet deep, in many places even six feet; the average depth a level after the storm being four inches. The largest hill stones are said to have measured ten inches in circumference, others being four inches in length; and these chunks of ice fell with such force, that the boards on several houses were split. On the eighth day after the fall, the editor of the Pickens Courier was shown a copious fall of the hill, gathered that day from an open field. The stones were as large as guinea eggs.

SAT MEETING.—A seaman of the fleet before Sebastopol, whose family lives at Polperro, Cornwall, Eng., was ordered on shore for the purpose of assisting in burying the slaves who fell in a late attack of the Russians on the British batteries at Sebastopol, and almost the first person he met on landing was one of his brothers, of whose presence in the fleet he was not before informed, and who had been severely wounded in a late engagement. From him he learned that his two brothers were also serving in the naval brigade on shore, and with him he remained till he saw his expire. He then proceeded on the duty for which he had landed, and soon discovered the bodies of his other brothers, who had been killed in the battle.

THE Commission of Protestant Episcopal Bishops which lately met in Philadelphia, for the purpose of taking into consideration a memorial suggesting a change in the Liturgy, failed to come to any decision in regard to the question before them. The unanimous opinion of the Bishops present, was not to make any change in the prayer book or rubrics. They adjourned to meet in a year, during which interval each member, upon the information received from interrogatories addressed to the clergy, will prepare an opinion, and upon a comparison of these views, a general report will be laid before the next convention.

POSTMUNICIPAL BENEFACtORS.—A recently deceased citizen of Baltimore, named Melville Williams, by his will, left \$10,000 to various religious and benevolent societies, among which we observe \$2,000 for the American Baptist Publication Society, \$1000 to the American Sunday School Union, and \$800 to the Maryland Colonization Society.

A BULLER PROOF COACH.—Queen Victoria's state coach is bullet-proof, and the glass of the windows is six inches thick. When George IV. was fired at, the glass was only broken by the ball. In this coach, for some reason, and not as had been expected, in an open one, Louis Napoleon proceeded on his late visit to the Guildhall, to receive the address of the corporation of London.

HEALTH OF NEW ORLEANS.—Dr. McFarlane has published a letter in the New Orleans True Delta, in which he declares that cholera, small-pox and yellow fever now prevail in that city, and that the two former are almost epidemics. The doctor, however, is arguing against the establishment of a quarantine, and the existence of the diseases named is alleged as a reason in support of his position. It is reasonable, therefore, to infer that he has presented the health of the city in his most aspect. There can be no doubt, however, of the existence of the cholera there to some extent. The papers of that city record fatal cases daily. The Delta, of the 21st ult., has the following:

Salvador Vides, a well known citizen belonging to the Portuguese Society, was taken sick yesterday, and it is said, had previously suffered a large portion of his property to H. Parada, a dear friend of his. Hearing about to die he sent for the latter, who, on entering his sick room was suddenly attacked with the cholera, and was conveyed home. Both died about the same time, and were buried together.

A RAILROAD difficulty of a singular kind has occurred at the Niagara Suspension bridge, and has resulted in a desperate outbreak. It seems that the Canadian and Niagara Falls Railroad is to cross the track of the New York Central, on payment of 10,000. The money has not been paid, but a party of workmen employed by the former company, undertook last Wednesday night to lay down the rails at the crossing. Information of this being conveyed to the Superintendent of the Central road, he and his assistants took possession of the track and drove off the laborers, after a riot, in which pistols were freely used, but no damage done. The next evening a similar outbreak was feared, but a strong force of 150 police was stationed on guard and no disturbance occurred.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NEW JERSEY.—High-Doane in his address to the Convention of the Protestant Church of New Jersey, held at Hurlington on Wednesday last, stated that during the past Episcopal year his duties had been more arduous than in any previous year of his Episcopate, and that the cholera prevails in an epidemic form and that one case of yellow fever had occurred.

Mr. Hiss, the member of the Massachusetts Legislature who gained such an enviable note by his doings as a member of the Nauvoo Committee, has announced in the Boston papers his intention to deliver this week, at the Masonic Hall in that city, a lecture on the character of the defunct House of Representatives.

Appointment by the President.
Buckingham Smith, of Florida, secretary of legation at Madrid, in the place of Horatio J. Perry, resigned.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.—INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.—
Hanging Land Warrants.—An order of the Department of the Interior inquired whether the recent circular issued by the Secretary of the Interior, repudiating the practice of speculating in land warrants by officers of the government, will preclude him from purchasing one or two land warrants to locate for his own benefit. In reply he was informed that a fair and legitimate investment is not regarded in the character of speculation, which implies buying and selling, and is therefore not illegal.

The *Opinion of the Agents*.—During the life-time of a soldier a land warrant was issued in his name, and delivered to an agent to whom he had given a power of attorney authorizing him to receive it. After the soldier's death a dispute arose between his heirs and the agent as to the fee he was entitled to receive for his services, and the department is asked to ignore the warrant in his possession, and issue a new one to the heirs. In reply he was informed that the issue of the warrant was afterwards attached by the Sheriff for some other liability, and a deputy-sheriff was placed on board. On Thursday night, when Colonel Walker came up and requested him to come down to his cabin, in order that he might show him some papers which he had in his possession, the Deputy Sheriff, in the innocence of his heart, went below, while Col. Walker prepared a large bottle of peptes, done up in tel tape, and immediately both he and the Deputy Sheriff commenced to examine their contents.

While s2 engaged, the Deputy Sheriff thought he perceived a motion quite unusual, in ship's cabin, and, started to go on deck, but his impetuosity was checked in the kindest and blankest manner by four of the expeditionists, who, armed to the teeth, suddenly made their appearance. They informed the astonished Deputy Sheriff that the ship was under weigh, that under the circumstances, he was no use in taking the matter to heat, and concluded by bringing a basket of chamoings out of the locker, advising the Sheriff to stow away in a flowing bumper. After the Vesta had got out side the Heads, the Deputy Sheriff was sent up on board the steam-tug, and the ship stood out to sea. The expeditionists, numbering fifty-six all told, were armed to the teeth, each man having been provided with two six-shooters, a bowie-knife, and Mississippi rifle, which are considered to be the best tools for the development of the agricultural resources of the republic of Nicaragua. The Walker expedition will, it is supposed, be joined by a portion of the Kinney expedition, who are to sail from New Orleans, and via the San Juan river, to effect a junction with the forces from the Atlantic side. As well equipped as that which sailed from this port on Thursday night, the Chamorro party to Nicatagua will have a harder hand of it in maintaining their ascendancy.

Exciting news may hereafter be expected from Central America.

The PORTLAND LIQUOR RIOT.—The Portland papers of Monday contain some additional particulars of the riot in that city on Saturday night. The commencement of the disturbances appears to have been caused by the purchase of the liquor by Mayor Dow and caused the transfer of the same to the city agency by his casting vote at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Saturday afternoon. The attack on the building began shortly after the election of the mayor, and the delivery of his to his, to his, enthroned the power of the office, and that the question which had subsequently arisen as to the measure of compensation due the agent for his services was a平坦 transaction, in which the department had no right or disposition to interfere.—*Wash. Union.*

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